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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

Thia report preaenta United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exporta

These atatiatics represent exporta of domeatic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well aa nongovernment shipmenta of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countriea. The statiatics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipmenta, Mutual Security Program economic assistance ahipments, and shipmenta of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Asaistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United Statea armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statiatics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exporta from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in tranait from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States aa an import and ia subsequently re-exported ia not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exporta of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statiatics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include eatimatea based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chancea out of three baais) of value totals shown ia given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errora. Detailed information on the aampling variability of individual figurea is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]22,533	.....	7,267	3,713	5,606	984	125	262	[2]141,894	.....	19,422	11,643	54,025	8,654	1,194	1,383
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]9,042	3,472	644	1,993	545	39	122	.....	[2]52,934	7,935	2,660	20,076	4,396	359	481
Massachusetts.....	233	153	34	(*)	171	2	(*)	3	1,796	1,134	180	1	1,551	20	2	7
Rochester.....	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	72	72	70	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	173	172	158	(*)	...	...	...	...	253	252	232	5	...	...	...	...
New York.....	7,753	2,843	1,081	481	4,774	408	24	214	61,473	21,663	6,120	3,471	46,069	3,208	274	1,070
Philadelphia.....	81	54	18	...	35	16	1	(*)	286	78	27	...	203	40	10	1
Maryland.....	15	14	1	...	4	(*)	...	(*)	42	20	3	...	37	1	...	1
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	7,474	2,347	3,697	3,179	10	(*)	...	5	14,124	3,917	5,827	7,704	74	5	...	3
New Orleans.....	348	71	299	18	1	...	...	...	793	196	674	77	1	...	...	...
Galveston.....	376	244	219	7	56	34	(*)	16	1,483	929	677	29	470	118	1	138
Laredo.....	170	125	155	4	...	...	...	...	440	357	389	37	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	354	131	56	14	108	78	28	3	3,727	1,106	342	132	1,501	1,364	285	21
San Francisco.....	514	307	6	7	107	272	61	6	5,284	3,287	30	157	1,402	2,954	577	50
Washington.....	155	130	91	...	3	36	...	...	661	533	508	...	13	95	...	...
Alaska.....	10	9	...	...	1	7	...	...	31	31	...	...	1	27	...	...
Hawaii.....	37	17	...	...	(*)	8	9	(*)	96	35	...	...	16	26	40	1
Montana and Idaho.....	30	30	25	...	...	...	...	...	212	211	204	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	290	290	269	...	...	...	...	...	424	424	390	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	9	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	90	57	15	...	67	1	(*)	2	369	234	25	...	325	9	1	4
Chicago.....	1,036	260	515	(*)	251	122	1	13	5,543	1,685	2,585	2	1,876	784	2	86
Ohio.....	206	...	153	...	...	...	...	...	715	...	640	...	...	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	490	265	429	2	(*)	...	...	...	443	257	386	26	(*)	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	64	47	36	...	18	2	(*)	...	611	422	104	...	487	4	2	...
Special Category[3].....	2,621	1,465	...	...	...	...	...	...	43,005	16,081	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,564	.....	2,418	1,348	5,697	1,047	24	30	88,974	.....	13,527	2,584	61,330	8,319	263	896
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	4,583	972	265	2,634	690	8	15	.....	32,690	2,431	1,043	23,395	5,651	46	125
Massachusetts.....	105	77	5	(*)	97	4	...	...	716	529	127	1	528	17	...	...
Rochester.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	32	29	29	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	4	4	4	...	(*)	...	...	(*)	138	128	121	...	(*)	...	...	7
New York.....	5,762	2,543	243	167	5,012	310	3	27	69,252	23,146	7,448	1,320	55,907	2,567	143	882
Philadelphia.....	19	18	(*)	7	5	7	...	...	470	418	2	17	385	21	...	...
Maryland.....	28	5	(*)	...	27	1	(*)	...	304	44	1	...	270	2	1	...
Virginia.....	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	14	6	...	...	6	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,451	526	1,402	1,038	2	10	...	...	2,512	1,176	1,208	1,123	81	17	...	...
New Orleans.....	76	43	73	3	...	1	...	...	57	35	18	21	...	3	...	...
Galveston.....	102	17	99	2	1	...	...	...	1,499	51	1,413	17	28	...	...	...
Laredo.....	114	100	114	(*)	...	...	...	...	76	54	62	1	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	476	272	34	3	135	297	7	(*)	4,165	1,392	684	38	1,582	1,560	43	1
San Francisco.....	377	317	3	1	46	319	6	3	3,098	2,431	12	8	515	2,374	72	6
Washington.....	42	36	9	...	2	31	(*)	...	1,057	921	248	...	9	761	(*)	...
Alaska.....	15	10	4	...	4	6	...	...	761	695	14	...	55	686	...	...
Hawaii.....	25	14	2	...	(*)	21	1	...	157	73	5	...	4	113	2	...
Montana and Idaho.....	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	33	29	31	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	20	16	15	...	(*)	...	...	...
Michigan.....	45	37	5	...	38	2	...	...	192	126	8	...	148	4	...	...
Chicago.....	383	210	74	...	285	23	...	1	3,540	1,119	1,631	...	1,626	154	...	1
Ohio.....	21	...	15	...	7	...	...	...	344	...	233	...	83	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	494	335	319	128	27	14	5	(*)	329	185	165	38	61	7	(*)	(*)
All other Customs Districts.....	21	15	9	(*)	9	2	(*)	...	205	80	46	(*)	40	32	2	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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